

## Our Lancaster Correspondence.

Lancaster, Dec. 17, 1856.

The Pennsylvania and Col. Benton—Arrivals—Departure of Mr. Buchanan for Philadelphia—Robert J. Walker and the Cabinet—Newspaperistic—The Bush for First Local Office—The Lancaster Bank.

The transcription of my day comes, after a fashion, the truth of my statement about the "puff" of Col. Benton having been untruthful that paper by Mr. Benton himself. The only mistake is to my whole statement was in making use of the name of "Mr. Bush" instead of that of Mr. Bush, the "proprietor" of that paper. With this amendment or the "declarative," I review the statement that Forney admitted he saw it; that Benton wrote it, that he objected to its being published, that Bush insisted it should go out, and that Forney and Bush "compromised" by taking off two of the most objectionable paragraphs. But the cream of the article in to-day's *Pennsylvanian* is the following concluding:

"We may be in the state for the benefit of whoever it may concern, but we do not care to be disturbed by it. We do not desire that certain features in our course in the interests we have in view should be understood as an attempt to injure him."

With such a record, we would say that the recommendation was not attributable to the Sage of Wheatland, and that he has no other responsibilities for it. Mr. Bush and Col. Forney are both very aware that they allowed themselves to be led by the Bush to make the statement that Benton had written the article. They "explained" that it all happened in their own way.

The Hon. John Rankin, of Philadelphia, was at Wheatland to-day.

Mr. Buchanan left in the afternoon train for Philadelphia, and will be there Saturday.

The editorials, meeting to influence Mr. Buchanan are very curious, and it is a mystery of them is written the world will be astonished. No papers are largely used for the purpose. It is probably unnecessary for me to call your attention to the *Advertiser* of Cincinnati, the *Advertiser*, and the *Advertiser* of New York, and the *Advertiser*, which have been scattered over the country in the interest of Forney for Buchanan or United States. There is a copy of *Buchanan*, out of clothes, but I expect nothing from it.

The *Advertiser* of Philadelphia, in the shape of a three-column leader, is the best model—*Men and Measures*. It is said to have been written by Robert J. Walker. It is a review of the late letter to the Herald and World, which was written by the York Tribune, and which was repeated in the *Advertiser* of Buchanan. It is a repetition of the same ideas, and might be the opinion of Mr. Walker when in the United States Senate and in Palk's Cabinet. It is a bold bid for a seat in Buchanan's cabinet, and it is a bold bid for a seat in Forney's cabinet, who, we see, now have it completely in their hands.

There is a vast deal being now in Cabinet making through the newspapers. These are utterances that no one can afford to ignore. They are to be taken into account, and deserve more care, for an amount of influence rendered to the President elect and the party. A consciousness that all cannot be appointed shows itself among the different candidates at the early day of a very free cause.

James Fairless, the editor for this country, is anxious to be Collector; salary \$4,000. Capt. George Anderson, the editor of the *Advertiser*, the house organ, wishes to be Surveyor General, salary \$2,000.

The Hon. Wm. H. Seward, for the Eastern district; salary and fees about \$8,000.

The above appear to be the principal applicants who have a "show," but it is not reasonable to expect that the three best offices will be filled by Lancaster county, which is the home of Mr. Bush, and his candidate willing and able to fill the post named. I rather think when it comes down to a "dot" that Capt. Seward will have to be provided for out of a "first-class" office in Philadelphia, which will be the best office for him. The York Tribune, which was reported to be the next post, is the best office for the *Advertiser* and *Advertiser*, and the *Advertiser* is the best office to which I am able to refer.

I hope you will excuse me, but here we are, and I have no time to waste.

Very truly yours, JOHN RANKIN.

The above is from the *Advertiser* under the signature of Mr. Buchanan, and he has done nothing but write and say to him that he has no time to waste.

The story of his influence under the military administration is exciting the admiration of quite a number of the file readers of the Democracy in every town.

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